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REMARKS

Claims 1-23 were presented for examination. Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's allowance of claims 16-21, and the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in claims 6-8 and 13-15. Claims 6-8 and 13-15 were objected to as depending upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 1-15 and 22-23 were rejected.

Applicants hereby amend claims 22 and 23. No new matter has been introduced.

Thus, claims 1-23 are currently pending in this application, of which claims 1, 9, 16, and 22 are independent. Applicants submit that claims 1-23 are in condition for allowance.

The following comments address all stated grounds of rejection. Applicants respectfully traverse all rejections and urge the Examiner to pass the claims to allowance in view of the remarks set forth below.

DOUBLE-PATENTING REJECTION

I. Claim 1-23 Provisionally Rejected Under 35 U.S.C.101

Claims 1-23 are provisionally rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 as claiming the same invention as claims 1-23 of co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 10/123,098. As of November 11, 2005, U.S. Patent Application No. 10/123,098 has been abandoned, thereby mooting this rejection with respect to the claims. Thus, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the rejection of claims 1-23 under 35 U.S.C. 101.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102

II. Claims 22 and 23 Rejected Under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 22 and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,651,072 B1 to Jamtgaard et al. ("Jamtgaard"). Claim 22 is an independent claim.

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Claim 23 depends on and incorporates the patentable subject matter of independent claim 22.

Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection and submit that Jamtgaard fails to disclose each and every element recited in claims 22 and 23.

A. Claim 22 Patentably Distinguished Over Jamtgaard

A claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference. Amended independent claim 22 is directed towards a system for collaborative exchange of Web based content between disparate and unrelated content sources. The system comprises a web content server disposed at a facility belonging to a particular content provider. The provider provides content through the web server. The system includes a server appliance electronically disposed between the web server and a wide area communication network. The server appliance terminates a HTTP session directed to the web server and initiates a HTTP session with the web server as a substitute. The system also includes a network client operatively responsive to user input commands and coupled to communicate over the wide area communication network. The server appliance includes means for executing a series of transactions with the web server on behalf of the user prior to the user accessing a session with the web server.

Jamtgaard does not disclose means for executing a series of transactions with the web server on behalf of the user prior to the user accessing a session with the web server.

Rather, Jamtgaard discusses connection handlers to broker transactions between an information appliance and content server upon request of a web page. Because Jamtgaard is directed to a system for reformatting output, Jamtgaard does not discuss executing transactions prior to the user accessing a session with a server. Instead, Jamtgaard executes a transaction in response to a request during the user's access of the session. Thus, Jamtgaard

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fails to disclose means for executing a series of transactions with the webserver on behalf of the user prior to the user accessing a session with the web server.

Because Jamtgaard fails to disclose means for executing a set of transactions with the web server on behalf of the user prior to the user accessing a session with the web server, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the rejection of claim 22 under 35 U.S.C. §102. Claim 23 depends on and incorporates the patentable subject matter of independent claim 22. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the rejection of claim 23 under 35 U.S.C. §102.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103

III. Claims 1-5 and 9-12 Rejected Under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1-5 and 9-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as unpatentable over Jamtgaard in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,430,824 to Huang et al. ("Huang"). Claims 1 and 9 are independent claims. Claims 2-5 depend on and incorporate the patentable subject matter of independent claim 1. Claims 10-12 depend on and incorporate the patentable subject matter of independent claim 9. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection and submit that Jamtgaard in view of Huang fails to teach or suggest each and every element recited in claims 1-5 and 9-12.

A. Claims I and 9 Patentably Distinguished Over Jamtgaard in view of Huang

To establish prima facie obviousness of a claimed invention, all the claim limitations must be taught or suggested by the prior art. Independent claims 1 and 9 recite a system and method, respectively, directed towards a collaborative exchange of Web based content between disparate and unrelated content sources. In providing a collaborative exchange of Web based content, the claimed invention requests related content from collaborating sites.

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As the Examiner admits in the Office Action, Jamtgaard does not teach or suggest requesting related content from collaborating sites as in the claimed invention. The Examiner cites Huang only to suggest one ordinarily skilled in the art might modify Jamtgaard to request related content from collaborating sites. However, Huang, as with Jamtgaard, does not teach or suggest this feature of the claimed invention. Rather, Huang is directed towards load balancing collaborating proxy servers to handle a request to render a served object. Huang determines to which proxy server of a group of proxy servers to distribute the request based on load conditions. Upon serving of an object, the proxy of Huang then determines if an object needs to be rendered based on the client type, and if so, performs rendering of the object. Instead of requesting related content from collaborating sites, Huang distributes a request to a determined proxy for object rendering processing. Thus, Jamtgaard in view of Huang fails to teach or suggest requesting related content from collaborating sites.

Because Jamtgaard in view of Huang fails to teach or suggest requesting related content from collaborating sites, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the rejection of claims 1 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. §103. Claims 2-8 depend on and incorporate the patentable subject matter of independent claim 1. Claims 10-15 depend on and incorporate the patentable subject matter of independent claim 9. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the rejection of claims 2-8 and 10-15 under 35 U.S.C. §103.

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CONCLUSION

In light of the above amendment and arguments, Applicants contend that each of the Examiners rejections has been adequately addressed and all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration, withdrawal of all grounds of rejection, and allowance of all of the pending claims.

Should the Examiner feel that a telephone conference with Applicants' attorney would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is urged to contact the Applicants' attorney at the telephone number identified below.

Respectfully submitted,

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